

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

COMPOSITIONS FOR PRODUCING ARCHITECTURAL CEMENTITIOUS
STRUCTURES HAVING DECORATIVE AGGREGATE-CONTAINING
CEMENTITIOUS SURFACES AND PROCESSES THEREFOR

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a Continuation-in-Part of Serial No.
10/058,932, filed January 28, 2002, which claims the benefit of the
priority of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/270,732,
filed February 22, 2001. Serial No. 10/058,932 is hereby
incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Methods to incorporate varicolored fragments of material in
wall surfaces have been known. For example, U.S. Patent No.
772,476 discloses a method of veneering artificial stone by
depositing a layer of cement on the face of a block, sprinkling
granular material thereon, tamping the granular material and
smoothing the surface by rubbing or grinding the exposed granules.

U.S. Patent No. 1,361,763 discloses a method of mixing foreign
particle with a conventional plastic mixture, which is then applied
directly to the surface to be covered.

U.S. Patent No. 4,496,504 discloses a method of exposing
aggregate in poured concrete panels by pouring wet concrete having
a coarse aggregate content into a casting bed, lifting coarse
aggregate to the surface with a rotating aggregate lifter and

1 depositing a high concentration of the coarse aggregate in front of
2 a screed roller, and compacting.

3 U.S. Patent No. 5,339,589 produces an aggregate floor by
4 applying a layer of a flexible compound to a concrete slab,
5 applying fiber glass mesh to the flexible compound, applying dry
6 aggregate to the mesh and compacting with a vibrating roller, then
7 applying thereto a compacted composite cement, water and sand in
8 the form of a viscous solution, and then compacting with a roller
9 to force out excess cement and trapped air.

10 U.S. Patent No. 5,794,401 discloses a method of resurfacing
11 existing floors or substrates by cleaning the surface of the
12 substrate and applying a seed material mixed with a cementitious
13 self-leveling topping, then curing, then grinding the exposed cured
14 surface, and then sealing.

15 U.S. Patent Nos. 6,016,635 and 6,033,146 disclose methods for
16 surface seeding or broadcasting particulate over the surfaces of
17 poured concrete mixes while the top surfaces are still plastic.

18 U.S. Patent No. 1,486,208 discloses a method of coloring white
19 transparent crushed marble or silica for making colored surfaces by
20 coloring such materials which after drying are then molded into the
21 required form with a cement base.

22 U.S. Patent No. 2,277,203 discloses a method of producing a
23 granolithic floor or road surface. A diluted liquid hardener is
24 applied to a concrete foundation layer prior to its complete drying
25 and hardening thereof. Then a dry granolithic topping mixture of
26 cement and granite or like chips without other ingredients is

1 spread over the surface of the foundation layer by hand or
2 otherwise. The topping mixture is tamped to unite with and
3 penetrate the foundation layer which is said to produce a
4 monolithic construction.

5 U.S. Patent No. 4,198,472 discloses a method of forming an
6 exposed aggregate surface coating on a swimming pool by pumping a
7 mix of washed river gravel of rounded form that passed through a
8 mesh of about one-eighth inch and cement having a slump of the
9 order of one inch to coat a vertical surface of a swimming pool.
10 The mix is very rich in cement, for example of the order of 1:1 by
11 volume.

12 U.S. Patent No. 5,447,752 discloses a surface coating
13 composition of cement, sand, a polymer binder and water for
14 applying to a pre-existing cementitious surface. A plastic
15 template is laid on the pre-existing surface and the coating
16 composition is applied and the template removed. Texturizing
17 rollers can be used to provide a more realistic finish.

18 U.S. Patent No. 5,252,636 discloses a dry mixture for epoxy
19 cement concrete for the preparation of mortars and concretes. The
20 composition comprises a reactive resin and hardener therefor.
21 Disclosed examples of reactive resin are the well-known type of
22 polymeric substance cured by reaction with a hardener commercially
23 available as the so-called two component resin such as polyurethane
24 and epoxy resins. The corresponding hardener is a compound
25 containing isocyanate respective amino groups, depending on the
26 resin used. In addition to the reactive resin and hardener

therefor, the mixture can also comprises a hydraulic binder, silica fume, fly ash, aggregate which is normally sand, gravel, slag, glass and plastic fibres, and admixtures which include superplasticizer, and other additives.

Other decorative aggregate-containing surfaces are disclosed in U.S. Patent Nos. 2,296,453; 3,608,038; 4,049,874; 4,134,956; and 4,205,040.

Various cementitious compositions are known that contain one or more of the following portland cement, fly ash, silica fume or quartz materials. The following compositions are used for various purposes not associated with, or related to, forming decorative aggregate-containing surfaces. For example, U.S. Patent No. 4,111,711 discloses civil engineering and refractory cement compositions which consist of three main ingredients each of which may be selected from three varying lists of materials. The first ingredient can be a silico aluminous cement. The second ingredient has a particle size between 100\AA -0.1 microns and can be silica. The third ingredient, has a particle size between 1 micron to 100 microns, and is an inert filler, insensitive to hydration. The third ingredient can be quartzite or pure quartzitic sands. Fly ash is not mentioned. In all cases it appears that the cement must under go a complete dehydration at a temperature from 800°C to 1000°C before it is useful as a ingredient in concrete.

U.S. Patent No. 4,210,457 discloses a structural concrete comprising Portland cement, fly ash and sand. In several comparative tests ground quartz was used in place of the fly ash.

1 There is no disclosure of using both ground quartz and fly ash in
2 the same compositions.

3 U.S. Patent No. 4,501,830 discloses a lightweight cement
4 product formed from a mixture comprising cement, condensed silica
5 fume, fly ash cenospheres, finely divided crystalline silica
6 particles, epoxy emulsion, curing agent, accelerator and water.
7 The cementitious compositions harden in less than one hour. The
8 mixes, after pouring into a mold, were cured in a steam box at 60°C
9 (140°F) for one day and produced products having compressive
10 strengths of over 6000 psi.

11 U.S. Patent No. 4,506,025 discloses a refractory composition
12 formulated from quartzite, vitreous and fused silica, portland
13 cement, a water-reducing agent and wollastonite powder. The
14 composition requires drying at 250°F - 500°F.

15 U.S. Patent No. 5,114,617 discloses a high strength concrete
16 useful in prestressed products. The composition comprises cement,
17 expanded perlite, microsilica or fly ash, a fine aggregate, and an
18 optional coarse aggregate. Disclosed examples of the aggregate are
19 sand, gravel, slag, expanded shale (Haydite) and expanded clay.
20 Expanded oil shale (Haydite) is used as the coarse aggregate in
21 Example I. Superplasticizers are also used.

22 U.S. Patent No. 5,346,548 discloses a blend of rice hull ash
23 ("RHA") and cement. Concrete and mortar products made from the
24 blends are said to have high strength and low permeability to water
25 and chloride ions. Early strength in concrete compositions is
26 provided by the addition of fly ash. The patent discloses cement

1 products made from formulations containing siliceous ash from crop
2 residue, namely, RHA. The formulations require both a fine and a
3 coarse aggregate. The coarse aggregate is crushed limestone and
4 the fine aggregate is quartzitic sand. Other fine and coarse
5 aggregates as would customarily be employed in mortar and concrete
6 compositions are said to be equally suited in the present
7 invention. The compressive strength of the RHA formulations are
8 compared to reference concretes made without the RHA. No mention
9 is made of silica fume.

10 U.S. Patent No. 5,383,967 discloses a blended cement
11 comprising gypsum, portland cement clinker, and a comminuted
12 mineralogic silica for example feldspars, zeolites, diatomaceous
13 earths, clinoptilites, mordenites, chabozites, opaline silica,
14 novaculites, vitreous volcanic rocks and high silica rocks having
15 at least 50% by weight silica. One of the feldspars mentioned is
16 feldspathic quartzite. The inclusion of silica fume appears to be
17 discourage and fly ash is not mentioned.

18 U.S. Patent No. 6,251,178 discloses a hydraulic cementitious
19 composition having portland cement, fly ash, lithium carbonate to
20 reduce alkali silica reactivity, and optional metakaolin. The
21 composition is said to be useful for construction of concrete
22 article such as roadways. No mention is made of quartzite or
23 silica fume.

24 U.S. Patent No. 6,332,920 discloses a slag for cementing an
25 oil well. The cement slag comprises a hydraulic binder composition
26 comprising Portland cement, microsilica of granulometry in the

1 range of 0.1 to 0.50 micrometers, medium particles of granulometry
2 in the range of 0.5 to 200 micrometers, water-soluble
3 superplasticizer. Disclosed examples of the medium particles are
4 balls of plastic materials, silicas, clay, glass balls, metallic
5 salts, barite, haematite, ilmenite, siliceous particles, silica
6 sand, crushed quartz. Fly ash is not mentioned.

7 The above described compositions and methods either:

- 8 1. Do not form monolithic structures, or
- 9 2. Disperse the relatively expensive decorative aggregate
10 throughout the entire structure thereby increasing cost, or
- 11 3. Require labor intensive hand seeding or broadcasting of the
12 decorative aggregate, or
- 13 4. Require a labor intensive and hence costly grinding step, or
- 14 5. Employs a relative stiff and sticky surface coating having a
15 slump of the order of one inch that would be very difficult if
16 not impossible to work by leveling, bullfloating, troweling
17 and sponging to produce a smooth decorative aggregate-
18 containing surface durable and effective for traffic.
- 19 6. Are not shown to be effective for binding or securing exposed
20 decorative aggregate in a decorative aggregate-containing
21 surface which is suitable for traffic.

22 A decorative aggregate-containing cementitious matrix composition
23 and installment method without any of these disadvantages would
24 reduce the cost and/or increase the durability of the structure
25 and/or produce monolithic structures.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

This invention is directed towards compositions and processes for producing durable and attractive decorative aggregate-containing cementitious surfaces that are an integral part of structures, especially monolithic structures.

This invention is also directed towards processes that:

1. Can produce such surfaces at a much lower cost by not requiring hand seeding or broadcasting of decorative aggregate over the top of such surfaces during their manufacture.
2. Do not required decorative aggregate throughout the entire monolithic structure.
3. Do not require grinding the cured surfaces in order to produce an attractive and/or durable decorative aggregate-containing surface with exposed decorative aggregate.

This invention can be used on monolithic structures having any strength desired and suitable for usage ranging from light pedestrian traffic on home patios to heavy vehicular traffic. This invention is mainly intended for new monolithic structures in compliance with the least stringent specifications to the most stringent specifications depending only on the required duty that such monolithic structures are to serve. For example, this invention can produce monolithic structures having strength ratings of 2200 psi, 3000 psi, 4000 psi or higher if desired. Unless otherwise specified all psi strength rating referred herein are concrete compressive strengths at 28 days. The compositions of this invention can also be applied to existing cementitious bases.

1 Accordingly, in one embodiment of this invention there is
2 provided by the principles of this invention a process for
3 producing a monolithic architectural cementitious structure having
4 a decorative aggregate-containing cementitious surface comprising
5 forming a freshly poured cementitious base. The cementitious base
6 does not contain any decorative aggregate. With reference to
7 FIG. 1, a compacted subgrade material 20 is preferably first laid
8 on a rough graded site 21. Then reinforcing bar or rebar, or wire
9 mesh 22 is set to reinforce the ultimately formed monolithic
10 structure. Next a cementitious base 23 is produced and laid from
11 suitable formulation having the strength properties required.
12 Usually the decorative aggregate-containing cementitious portion of
13 such structure is between 2% and 17% of the total thickness of
14 monolithic architectural cementitious structure while the
15 cementitious base is between 98% and 83% of said total thickness.
16 In one embodiment, the freshly poured cementitious base 23 has a
17 thickness of at least about 3 inches.

18 By the term "decorative aggregate" as used herein is meant
19 aggregate that is used to produce an attractive or architectural
20 surface. The term "decorative aggregate" as used herein is not
21 meant to include any aggregate used for merely adding strength to
22 the monolithic structure without also enhancing the beauty of the
23 surface. For example, No. 4 aggregate, which is used in many
24 concrete mixes for strength, is not a "decorative aggregate" as
25 that term is used herein. The appearance of decorative aggregate
26 is not the same as the appearance of the aggregate in the

1 cementitious base. Thus the aggregate used for adding strength to
2 the cementitious base not the same as the decorative aggregate used
3 for producing the attractive surfaces of this invention.

4 Since the decorative aggregate is relatively expensive
5 material there is substantial cost savings in this process since
6 the cementitious base does not contain the relatively expensive
7 decorative aggregate. Furthermore, since the formulation of the
8 decorative aggregate-containing cementitious slurry is relatively
9 more expensive per unit volume than the formulation of the
10 cementitious base per unit volume, the cost of producing the
11 monolithic architectural cementitious structures with the
12 decorative aggregate-containing surfaces is reduced when thickness
13 of the decorative aggregate-containing cementitious layer is
14 reduced. However, said thickness must be effective for securing
15 and locking in the exposed decorative aggregate.

16 With reference to FIG. 2, this invention further comprises
17 preparing a decorative aggregate-containing cementitious slurry 24
18 having at least decorative aggregate 26 and cementitious matrix
19 composition 28 (also referred to herein as the decorative
20 cementitious matrix blend) operable for forming a monolithic
21 structure when applied to the freshly poured cementitious base and
22 simultaneously cured therewith. In one embodiment of this
23 invention, the cementitious matrix composition 28 comprises water,
24 silica sand and cement. In another embodiment of this invention
25 the silica sands are quartzitic silica also referred to quartzite.

1 Quartzite is sandstone that has been metamorphosed. Unlike
2 sandstone, quartzite breaks through, not around, the quartz grains,
3 producing a smooth surface instead of a rough and granular one.
4 The color of quartzites ranges from snowy white, whitish, pink,
5 reddish or gray. The term "quartzite implies not only a high
6 degree of hardening or induration or "welding," but also a high
7 content of quartz. Most quartzites contain 90% or more quartz, and
8 some 99% quartz. Crushed quartzite is mostly a mosaic of small,
9 irregular shaped crystalline fragments with interlocking margins.

10 In one embodiment of this invention the quartzite is blended
11 quartzitic silica. Quartzite and blended quartzitic silica are
12 available in several colors including light or white tones and
13 darker colors. When the decorative cementitious matrix blend is
14 not required to be white or light color in tone, the cement is Type
15 V Portland cement or equivalent cement having low permeability.
16 The low permeability is desirable because it is more resistant to
17 sulfates in the soil, salty sea breezes, and other concrete-
18 detrimental salts.

19 However, when the decorative cementitious matrix blend is
20 required to be white or light color in tone, a white Portland
21 cement is used since Type V Portland cement frequently has a darker
22 appearance. To maintain the light color of the decorative
23 cementitious matrix blend when using white Portland cements, any
24 fly ash present in the formulation should be replaced by an
25 additional amount or percent of white Portland cement. As stated
26 at page 17 of Kosmatka and Panarese, "Design and Control Of

Concrete Mixtures", 13th Edition, Portland Cement Association, 1994, 4th printing, white Portland cement is a true Portland cement that differs from gray cement chiefly in color. It is made to conform to the specifications of ASTM C150, usually Type I or Type III, but the manufacturing process is controlled so that the finished product will be white. White Portland cement is made from selected raw materials containing negligible amounts of iron and magnesium oxides, i.e. the substances that give cement its gray color; see TABLE 1. Its use is recommended whenever white or colored concrete is desired. Usually, white Portland cement is equivalent in strength to Type I or Type III Portland cement.

Chemical and compound composition and fineness of some typical Portland cements can be found at page 21 of the above-mentioned "Design and Control Of Concrete Mixtures" publication and also in Kirk and Othmer, eds., "Cement," Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology, 3rd ed., vol. 5, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 1979, pages 163-193, and which is also shown in TABLE 1 for Portland cement Types I, III and white. Variations in the this data will occur from one cement source to another, however, such variations are still considered to fall within the specification of ASTM C150, which is hereby entirely incorporated herein by reference. These references may be consulted for more in-depth explanation of the effect of such parameters on concrete.

In one embodiment the cementitious matrix composition comprises silica fume for improving strength and securing the decorate aggregate. Condensed silica fume is a by-product from

1 silicon and ferrosilicon industries, where these metals are
2 produced in submerged electric arc furnaces. The fume from these
3 processes forms minute, glassy, spherical particles referred to as
4 microsilica or silica fume that is considered a waste product of
5 limited value. Microsilica is an extremely fine particulate, with
6 average diameters 100 times finer than cement particles and is
7 almost pure silicon dioxide or SiO_2 . Most condensed silica fume
8 has an average size of about 0.15 micrometers, while a typical
9 Portland cement has an average particle size of 15 micrometers.

10 Since silica fume speeds up the rate of cure, effective
11 retardants can be added, if needed, to allow more time for the
12 resultant slurry to be worked. For example a small amount of fly
13 ash Class C is added as a retardant where the decorative aggregate
14 is 1/4 inch or larger and where the resulting decorative surface is
15 not required to be white or light color in tone. As disclosed by
16 ASTM designation C618-01, published September 2001 and in U.S.
17 Patent Nos. 4,992,102 and 5,266,111 and 5,520,730, Class C fly ash
18 is normally produced from lignite or subbituminous coal. This
19 class of fly ash, in addition to having pozzolanic properties also
20 has some cementitious properties. Some Class C fly ash may contain
21 lime contents higher than 10%. Class C and F fly ash is
22 characterized by American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM)
23 Standard C618 that sets forth the following chemical (oxide basis)

and physical requirements:

C	F	Class
50%	70%	Minimum $\text{SiO}_2 + \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$
5%	5%	Maximum sulfur trioxide (SO_3)
3%	3%	Maximum moisture content
6%	6%	Maximum loss on ignition
34%	34%	Maximum amount retained when wet-sieved on 35 microns (No. 325) sieve.

Class F fly ash normally produced from burning anthracite or bituminous coal has pozzolanic properties. The reference to "pozzolanic properties" refers to the capability of certain mixtures that are not in themselves cementitious of undergoing a cementitious reaction when mixed with lime in the presence of water. Class C fly ash possesses direct cementitious properties as well as pozzolanic properties. Pat. Nos. 4,992,102 and 5,266,111 and 5,520,730, disclose how to produce synthetic Class C fly ash from Class F fly ash and cement kiln dust (CKD) and are hereby entirely incorporated herein by reference. Synthetic Class C fly ash and other equivalent materials thereof can be used in this invention. Accordingly, by the expression "Class C-like" fly ash as used herein is meant to include Class C fly ash, synthetic Class C fly ash and fly ash that has both pozzolanic properties and cementitious properties equivalent to Class C fly ash. Class F fly ash without CKD can also be used in place of the above-mentioned synthetic Class C fly ash, however it would not be as effective.

1 Superplasticizers can be also be added to the decorative
2 cementitious matrix blend to make a flowing concrete and/or to
3 reduce water content to gain higher early strengths, for example
4 polymer containing WRDA[®] -19 brand superplasticizer and chemical
5 dispersants containing DARACEM[®] -100 brand superplasticizer of W.
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7 In one embodiment, the process further comprising leaving a
8 rough, unsmoothed and wet surface 30 on the freshly poured
9 cementitious base, and pouring the decorative aggregate-containing
10 cementitious slurry 24 on the rough, unsmoothed and wet surface 30.

11 Non-limiting examples of decorative aggregate 26 are natural
12 hard materials, synthetic hard materials, and mixtures thereof that
13 form decorative aggregate-containing cementitious surfaces. Other
14 non-limiting examples are decorative aggregate selected from the
15 group consisting of ceramic, ceramic chips, marble, marble chips,
16 granite, granite chips, sea shells, sea shells chips, sea
17 crustacean remains, fragments of sea crustacean remains, glass,
18 glass chips, natural aggregates selected for their color, natural
19 aggregates selected for their texture, natural aggregates selected
20 for their attractiveness and strength, and mixtures thereof.

21 In one embodiment of this invention, the decorative aggregate
22 has a size between about 1/32 inch and about 1/2 inch. In another
23 embodiment, the decorative aggregate has a size between about 1/32
24 inch and about 3/8 inch. Sizes of the decorative aggregate when
25 referred herein mean the mean diameter of the decorative aggregate
26 unless otherwise specified.

1 In one embodiment, the process further comprising removing
2 detrimental material, including dirt and grit, from the decorative
3 aggregate before preparing the decorative aggregate-containing
4 cementitious slurry.

5 The process further comprises pouring an amount of the
6 decorative aggregate-containing cementitious slurry 24 on the
7 freshly poured cementitious base within a period of time after
8 forming the freshly poured cementitious base, effective for forming
9 a monolithic structure, when simultaneously cured with the freshly
10 poured cementitious base. The amount of the decorative aggregate-
11 containing cementitious slurry 24 must be sufficient to produce a
12 decorative aggregate-containing cementitious layer having a
13 thickness 31 operable, when cured, for permanently securing the
14 decorative aggregate therein. Furthermore, at least a portion of
15 the decorative aggregate forms a portion of the exposed surface of
16 the decorative aggregate-containing cementitious layer.

17 In one embodiment, the period of time for pouring the
18 decorative aggregate-containing cementitious slurry on the freshly
19 poured cementitious base between about one minute and no more than
20 about 3 hours from the time of completing the pouring of the
21 freshly poured cementitious base. In another embodiment, the
22 period of time for pouring the decorative aggregate-containing
23 cementitious slurry on the freshly poured cementitious base is
24 immediately after, or as soon as possible after, completing the
25 pouring of the freshly poured cementitious base.

1 The one embodiment, the process further comprises adding and
2 mixing a colorant in the decorative aggregate-containing
3 cementitious slurry before pouring the slurry on the freshly poured
4 cementitious base.

5 The process further comprises simultaneously curing (1) the
6 decorative aggregate-containing cementitious slurry poured on the
7 freshly poured cementitious base, with (2) the freshly poured
8 cementitious base, for a period of time effective for producing a
9 monolithic architectural cementitious structure 32 having a
10 decorative aggregate-containing cementitious surface 34, as
11 represented in FIG. 3, in which the boundary 36 seen in FIG. 2,
12 between the earlier poured cementitious base 23 and the decorative
13 aggregate-containing cementitious slurry 24 has vanished due to the
14 cementitious reaction resulting from the curing process thereby
15 producing a monolithic structure.

16 The period of time for a 75% cure of the decorative aggregate-
17 containing cementitious slurry and the freshly poured cementitious
18 base is about 7 days under normal conditions.

19 In one embodiment, in about 30 minutes after pouring the
20 decorative aggregate-containing cementitious slurry, the process
21 further comprises leveling the decorative aggregate-containing
22 cementitious surface. In another embodiment, in about 30 minutes
23 after leveling the decorative aggregate-containing cementitious
24 surface, the process further comprises bullfloating the decorative
25 aggregate-containing cementitious surface and forming a smoothed
26 surface. In still another embodiment, in about 60 minutes after

1 bullfloating the decorative aggregate-containing cementitious
2 surface and forming the smoothed surface, the process further
3 comprises troweling and sponging the decorative aggregate-
4 containing cementitious surface to further enhancing the appearance
5 thereof.

6 In a further embodiment, the process comprises, after about 7
7 days of curing the decorative aggregate-containing cementitious
8 slurry with the freshly poured cementitious base, washing the
9 decorative aggregate-containing cementitious surface with a dilute
10 acid to brighten exposed decorative aggregate.

11 In another embodiment, after washing the decorative aggregate-
12 containing cementitious surface with a dilute acid to brighten
13 exposed decorative aggregate, the process further comprises testing
14 the surface to determine if the dilute acid has been neutralized,
15 and after the testing shows that the surface has been neutralized,
16 sealing the surface with a sealant effective for protecting the
17 surface. The dilute acid will become neutralized in about 2 to
18 about 8 days after the dilute acid washing.

19 In one embodiment, the thickness 31 of the decorative
20 aggregate-containing cementitious layer is at least about 1/16
21 inch. In another embodiment, the monolithic architectural
22 cementitious structure has a thickness 38 of at least about
23 3 5/8 inches, i.e. nominally 4 inches.

24 There is also provided by the principles of this invention
25 decorative cementitious matrix blends comprising blended quartzitic
26 silica, Portland cement, and silica fume, which when mixed with an

1 effective amount of water, followed by mixing with a predetermined
2 amount of decorative aggregate, can be used to form the decorative
3 aggregate-containing surfaces of this invention. In one
4 embodiment, the decorative cementitious matrix blend also comprises
5 a small amount Class C-like fly ash as a curing retardant. Minor
6 amounts of other accelerants, retardants, and/or hardeners can, of
7 course, be used if desired.

8 In one embodiment, the effective amount of water that is added
9 to the decorative cementitious matrix blend and of decorative
10 aggregate forms a slurry having sufficient fluidity that the slurry
11 can be worked through the last troweling step of producing the
12 smooth decorative aggregate-containing surface. However, said
13 amount of water shall be limited so that it does not produce
14 surface shrinkage cracking the first day of curing, nor premature
15 surface wearing thereafter.

16 In one embodiment of this invention, the effective amount of
17 water that is added to the decorative cementitious matrix blend and
18 of decorative aggregate is effective for forming a slurry having a
19 slump of at least about 2 inches, and preferably at least about 3
20 inches.

21 In another embodiment of this invention, the effective amount
22 of water that is added to the decorative cementitious matrix blend
23 and of decorative aggregate is effective for forming a slurry
24 having a slump of no greater than about 6 inches, and preferably no
25 greater than about 5 inches.

1 In still another embodiment, the effective amount of water
2 that is added to the decorative cementitious matrix blend and of
3 decorative aggregate forms a slurry having a slump between about 3
4 inches and 5 inches.

5 In one embodiment, the dry components comprise about 60 parts
6 of decorative cementitious matrix blend and about 40 parts of
7 decorative aggregate, which is then slurried with water to produce
8 the decorative aggregate-containing cementitious slurry.

9 In one embodiment, the decorative cementitious matrix blend
10 contains between about 20% and about 35% of Portland cement or
11 equivalent cement thereto, preferably between about 22% and about
12 33%, and especially preferably between about 25% and about 32%.

13 In one embodiment, the decorative cementitious matrix blend
14 contains between about 50% and about 79% blended quartzitic silica
15 or an equivalent silica thereto, preferably between about 55% and
16 75%, and especially preferably between about 60% and 70%.

17 In another embodiment of this invention, the blended
18 quartzitic silica, when characterized using Standard Sieve Sizes 4,
19 8, 16, 30, 50 and 100, has a particle size smaller than Standard
20 Sieve Size 4, between about 0% and about 6% smaller than Standard
21 Sieve Size 4 and larger than Standard Sieve Size 8, between about
22 7% and about 18% smaller than Standard Sieve Size 8 and larger than
23 Standard Sieve Size 16, between about 16% and about 44% smaller
24 than Standard Sieve Size 16 and larger than Size 30, between about
25 24% and about 42% smaller than Standard Sieve Size 30 and larger
26 than Standard Sieve Size 50, between about 6% and about 18% smaller

1 than Standard Sieve Size 50 and larger than Size 100, and no more
2 than about 7% smaller than Standard Sieve size 200.

3 In still another embodiment of this invention, the blended
4 quartzitic silica, when characterized using Standard Sieve Sizes 4,
5 8, 16, 30, 50 and 100, has a fineness modulus between about 2.1 and
6 about 3.1.

7 In yet another embodiment, the blended quartzitic silica, when
8 prepared from Sand Size Nos. 16, 20, 30 and 60, is about 25% Sand
9 Size No. 16, about 37% Sand Size No. 20, about 25% Sand Size No.
10 30, and about 13% Sand Size No. 60. The screen analysis of these
11 Sand Size Nos. is shown in TABLE 1A. The screen size of such
12 quartzitic silica blend is shown in TABLE 1B. In this example the
13 quartzitic silica blend has a particle size distribution of about
14 100% passing through Standard Sieve Size 8, about 93% passing
15 through Standard Sieve Size 16, about 49% passing through Standard
16 Sieve Size 30, about 7% passing through Standard Sieve Size 50,
17 about 1% passing through Standard Sieve Size 100, and a fineness
18 modulus of 2.5.

19 In another embodiment, the decorative cementitious matrix
20 blend contains silica fume up to about 5%, and preferably up to
21 about 4%, and especially preferably up to about 3.5% as a
22 strengthening and binding agent.

23 In still another embodiment, the decorative cementitious
24 matrix blend contains silica fume up to about 5%, and preferably
25 between about 0.1% and about 4%, and especially preferably between
26 about 1.5% and about 3.5% as a strengthening and binding agent.

1 In one embodiment that include decorative aggregates larger
2 that about 1/4 inch and that are not used to form white or light
3 colored surfaces, the decorative cementitious matrix blend contains
4 Class C-like fly ash up to about 8% as a retardant or water
5 reducer. In another embodiment, the decorative cementitious matrix
6 blend contains Class C-like fly ash up to about 7%. In still
7 another embodiment, the decorative cementitious matrix blend
8 contains Class C-like fly ash of at least about 5%. In yet another
9 embodiment, the decorative cementitious matrix blend contains Class
10 C-like fly ash between about 5% and about 7%.

11 In one embodiment, the ratio of cement to blended quartzitic
12 silica is between about 10/40 (25%) and about 25/40 (63%),
13 preferably between about 12/40 (30%) and about 22/40 (55%), and
14 especially preferably between about 15/40 (37%) and about 20/40
15 (50%).

16 In one embodiment, the ratio of silica fume to blended
17 quartzitic silica is up to about 4/40 (10%), preferably between
18 about 0.5/40 (1%) and about 2/40 (5%), and especially preferably
19 between about 1/40 (2.5%) and about 2/40 (5%).

20 In one embodiment, the ratio of decorative aggregate to
21 decorative cementitious matrix blend is between about 20/60 (33%)
22 and about 50/60 (83%), preferably between about 35/60 (58%) and
23 about 45/60 (75%), and especially preferably about 40/60 (67%).

24 In one embodiment, the ratio of cement to decorative aggregate
25 is between about 10/40 (25%) and about 30/40 (75%), preferably

1 between about 12/40 (30%) and about 25/40 (63%), and especially
2 preferably between about 15/40 (37%) and about 20/40 (50%).

3 In one embodiment, the ratio of silica fume to decorative
4 aggregate is up to about 4/40 (10%), preferably between about 1/100
5 (1%) and about 3/40 (7.5%), and especially preferably between about
6 1/40 (2.5%) and about 2/40 (5%).

7 In one embodiment, the size of the decorative aggregate is no
8 greater about 1/2 inch, preferably no greater than about 3/8 inch,
9 and especially preferably no greater than about 1/4 inch.

10 In another embodiment, the size of the decorative aggregate is
11 between about 1/32 inch and about 1/2 inch, preferably between
12 about 1/32 inch and about 3/8 inch, and especially preferably
13 between about 1/32 inch and about 1/4 inch.

14 Because the decorative aggregate-containing surfaces prepared
15 according to the principles of this invention require that the
16 installer should work relatively fast to produce such surfaces in
17 order to prevent the premature of curing of the decorative
18 aggregate-containing cementitious slurry. This can be achieved by
19 sequentially installing one small areas at a time before moving on
20 to the next small area. To enable this to be easily and
21 economically accomplished, in one embodiment of this invention the
22 dry blended cementitious matrix composition is packaged in
23 convenient sizes. In one embodiment of this invention the packaged
24 dry blended cementitious matrix composition is contained in bags of
25 between about 20 lbs. and about 120 lbs. In another embodiment,
26 the bags of packaged dry blended cementitious matrix composition

1 are about 60 lbs., which conveniently allows the one 60 lb. bag of
2 packaged dry blended cementitious matrix composition, 40 lbs. of
3 decorative aggregate and an effective amount of water to be mixed
4 in a small batch mixer at the job site and the resulting decorative
5 aggregate-containing cementitious slurry to be quickly poured onto
6 the cementitious base or other base surface, then leveled and
7 trowelled. In one embodiment, for a thickness of 3/8 inch, one 60
8 lb. bag when slurried with 40 lbs. of decorative aggregate will
9 cover about 200 square feet.

10 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

11 FIG. 1 is an elevational and cross-sectional view of
12 cementitious matrix composition poured on a prepared subgrade
13 material.

14 FIG. 2 is an elevational and cross-sectional view of a
15 decorative aggregate-containing cementitious slurry poured on top
16 of the rough, unsmoothed and wet surface of the cementitious matrix
17 composition of FIG. 1.

18 FIG. 3 is an elevational and cross-sectional view of a
19 monolithic architectural cementitious structure having a decorative
20 aggregate-containing cementitious surface resulting from the curing
21 of the formation of FIG. 3.

22 FIG. 4 is flow diagram of a process for producing a monolithic
23 architectural cementitious structure having a decorative aggregate-
24 containing cementitious surface beginning with preparing a rough
25 graded site to sealing the produced surface.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Referring to FIG. 4, a flow diagram of the preferred processing steps of this invention for producing a monolithic architectural cementitious structure suitable for continuous traffic begins with rough grading an identified site in step 40 to a first predetermined elevation by grading the site to ± 0.1 ft of specification. Thereafter, if required, installing on the rough graded site a subgrade material 20, in step 42, selected from the group consisting of sand, and crushed aggregate and mixtures thereof, or other subgrade material, and compacting the subgrade material, in step 44, with water 43 sprinkled on the subgrade material laid in step 42.

Next, in step 45, pouring on top of the subgrade material a cementitious base 23 to a specified minimum thickness and to a second predetermined elevation, and screeding or rodding the freshly poured cementitious base, in step 46. Then forming and leaving a freshly poured cementitious base having a rough, unsmoothed and wet surface 30, in step 48, for achieving a monolithic cementitious reaction with a subsequently applied and simultaneously cured decorative aggregate-containing cementitious layer.

Screed boards are the boards used to form the boundary of the area to be poured with the cementitious composition. The top edge of the screed boards are set at the elevation desired or specified. Screeding or rodding is a term in the industry meaning dragging or

1 pulling a wooden board or rod, usually a long 2 inch x 4 inch
2 board, or similarly-shaped steel member, laid over top edges of the
3 screed boards to level the surface of a freshly poured cementitious
4 layer. Screeding or rodding is performed in step 46 as well as
5 step 75 described later. In step 46, however, screeding is
6 deliberately stopped before achieving a smooth surface.

7 While, or preferably before, the above-described steps 40
8 to 48 are being carried out, a decorative aggregate 26 introduced
9 at 50 is washed with water 52, in step 54, thereby producing a
10 supply of clean decorative aggregate in step 56 that is free of
11 detrimental material. Also, while the above-described steps 40 to
12 48 are being carried out, a pourable, or flowable, or pumpable
13 cementitious matrix composition 28 is simultaneously prepared in
14 step 60 by mixing silica sand 62 and water 64 in a mixer followed
15 by adding and mixing cement 66 in the mixer. The silica sand used
16 is the quartzitic silica blend of this invention. If desired, a
17 colorant 68 is then added and mixed in the mixer to form the
18 cementitious matrix composition. An example of a colorant is iron
19 oxide.

20 The cleaned decorative aggregate produced in step 56 is then
21 added and mixed with the cementitious matrix composition in
22 step 70, to produce a pourable, or flowable, or pumpable decorative
23 aggregate-containing cementitious slurry. Next, in step 72, the
24 decorative aggregate-containing cementitious slurry is then applied
25 to, or poured on, the rough, unsmoothed and wet surface of the
26 freshly poured cementitious base produced and laid in step 48.

1 The labor-intensive step of hand seeding or broadcasting the
2 decorative aggregate is not required in this process thereby
3 greatly reducing the cost of construction and speeding installation
4 of the structure.

5 To permanently secure the decorative aggregate in the
6 subsequently cured monolithic structure the thickness of the
7 decorative aggregate-containing cementitious layer must be
8 sufficient that upon curing it will secure or lock in the largest
9 size of the decorative aggregate employed. For example, it is
10 recommended that if the decorative aggregate has a maximum size of
11 $1/2$ inch, that the decorative aggregate-containing cementitious
12 layer be about $5/8$ inch thick to secure or lock in the decorative
13 aggregate while permitting at least a portion of the decorative
14 aggregate to be exposed at the surface thereby forming, in step 74,
15 a decorative aggregate-containing cementitious surface 34 having a
16 portion of the decorative aggregate exposed.

17 Similarly, if the decorative aggregate has a maximum size of
18 $3/8$ inch, then the decorative aggregate-containing cementitious
19 layer should be about $1/2$ inch thick.

20 If the decorative aggregate has a maximum size of $1/4$ inch,
21 then the decorative aggregate-containing cementitious layer should
22 be about $3/8$ inch thick.

23 If the decorative aggregate has a maximum size of $1/8$ inch,
24 then the decorative aggregate-containing cementitious layer should
25 be about $3/16$ inch thick.

1 If the decorative aggregate has a maximum size of 1/16 inch,
2 then the decorative aggregate-containing cementitious layer should
3 be about 1/8 inch thick.

4 If the decorative aggregate has a maximum size of 1/32 inch,
5 then the decorative aggregate-containing cementitious layer should
6 be about 1/16 inch thick.

7 To further enhance the appearance of the decorative aggregate-
8 containing cementitious layer, the poured decorative aggregate-
9 containing cementitious slurry is within about 30 minutes after
10 pouring leveled in step 75, then within about 30 minutes after
11 leveling bullfloated in step 76, then within 60 minutes after
12 bullfloating troweled in step 77, and then immediately sponged in
13 step 78. In other words, these steps are performed shortly after
14 pouring and laying the decorative aggregate-containing cementitious
15 slurry so that most of the monolithic forming cementitious reaction
16 occurs after step 78, thereby insuring that no cold joint is formed
17 between the freshly poured cementitious base and the decorative
18 aggregate-containing cementitious slurry.

19 Leveling, carried out in step 75, is performed by screeding or
20 rodding. However, as opposed to step 46, screeding in step 75
21 continues sufficiently to level and preliminarily smooth the top
22 surface.

23 Bullfloating, carried out in step 76, is a term used in the
24 industry meaning dragging a wooden board or similarly-shaped steel
25 member, usually attached to a long pole, at an acute angle over the

1 surface of an uncured cementitious layer to further smooth the
2 surface thereof.

3 Troweling, carried out in step 77, is a term used in the
4 industry meaning the operator, using knee boards if necessary,
5 works his way over the uncured surface from one small area to
6 another, using hand held trowels and smoothing the surface as he
7 moves.

8 Sponging, carried out in step 78, is a term used in the
9 industry meaning removing the excess cement film after troweling
10 and is usually performed by the operator immediately following
11 troweling before moving on his knee boards to the next small area
12 to be troweled.

13 After completing the sponging carried out in step 78, the
14 entire cementitious formation is allowed to cure, i.e. allowing the
15 monolithic cementitious reaction to proceed undisturbed and form a
16 harden surface. Curing is allowed to occur for about 7 days in
17 step 80 while keeping the entire surface damp, before proceeding
18 with subsequent surface treatments.

19 After the 7 day curing in step 80, the harden surface is
20 brushed and lightly washed with a dilute acid to remove the
21 laitance covering the exposed portion of the decorative aggregate
22 in step 82. "Laitance" is a term used in the industry to mean the
23 thin cementitious surface film left after curing. An effective
24 dilute acid for washing is a mixture of one part by volume muriatic
25 acid to ten parts by volume water. Muriatic is usually sold with
26 a hydrochloric acid strength of from about 35% to about 38%.

1 After acid washing, the decorative aggregate-containing
2 cementitious surface of the monolithic structure is allowed to
3 become neutralized in 83. Neutralization can be determined by
4 testing the surface with litmus paper or other means. The
5 neutralized decorative aggregate-containing cementitious surface is
6 then sealed with an effective sealant, as indicated in step 84.
7 Acrylic based sealants are examples of effective sealants.

8 As mentioned earlier, compositions of this invention can also
9 be applied to existing cementitious bases or other suitable
10 existing hard bases. For example, with existing bases rather than
11 steps 40 to 48 and 72, the existing base can be prepared by
12 roughening, cleaning and/or chemically treating sufficiently to
13 enable the decorative aggregate-containing cementitious slurry
14 prepared in step 70 to be applied directly to and cured on, the
15 existing base. Although a cold joint is formed, with some existing
16 bases the bond is adequate to produce an attractive and durable
17 surface at considerable cost savings. However, such decorative
18 aggregate-containing cementitious surfaces should not be expected
19 be as durable as when the decorative aggregate-containing
20 cementitious slurry is poured on a freshly poured cementitious base
21 as discussed earlier and illustrated in FIG. 2. Nevertheless,
22 because of the saving in time and cost, such surface applications
23 will be beneficial to the industry particularly where heavy
24 vehicular traffic is not encountered.

25 If the cementitious base poured in step 45 is at least about
26 3 to 3 1/2 inches thick, and the decorative aggregate-containing

1 cementitious layer is at least about 1/32 to 5/8 inch thick
2 depending on the maximum size of the decorative aggregate, the
3 monolithic structure produced upon curing will be sufficient to
4 support heavy pedestrian traffic, and provide attractive walkways
5 for amusement parks, sidewalks, patios, amusement parks streets,
6 and hotel entrances and the like having long lasting and superior
7 durability. For city streets the total thickness of the monolithic
8 structure should meet or exceed specification, which can require
9 between 6 and 8 inch thickness.

10 The cementitious materials when cured have known strength
11 ratings. Specifications for the cementitious materials usually
12 require that they have a certain minimum strength when cured to
13 meet the requirement established by governmental bodies. In this
14 invention, the freshly poured cementitious base and the decorative
15 aggregate-containing cementitious slurry when cured each have a
16 strength rating. In one embodiment of this invention, the strength
17 rating of the freshly poured cementitious base when cured, and the
18 strength rating of the decorative aggregate-containing cementitious
19 slurry when cured, are about the same so that one of these
20 materials will not deteriorate before the other. For example, if
21 one material has a rating of 2200 psi, the other one should also
22 have a rating of 2200 psi. Cementitious materials frequently have
23 rating of 2200 psi, 3000 psi, 4000 psi or higher depending on the
24 usage that such cementitious materials are going to encounter.

Example 1

A cementitious base is poured with an amount of mix sufficient to produce a 3 to 5 inch pour thickness. The amount of water preferably is sufficient to produce about a 3 to 5 inch slump test. For example, the following formulation produces a satisfactory cementitious base:

%	Ingredient
16	Riverside Type V Portland (ASTM C150)
26	No. 4 aggregate
48	Washed concrete sand
<u>10</u>	water
100	

Primary aggregate gradation of No. 4 aggregate is as follows:

% Passing	U.S. Standard Sieve
100	1/2 inch
96	3/8 inch
14	#4
4	#8
1	#16
5.85	Fine Material (ASTM C125)

A decorative aggregate-containing cementitious slurry is then immediately poured on the freshly poured cementitious base. The amount of the slurry is sufficient to produce a poured layer having a thickness effective for securing and locking in the decorative aggregate. The workability of the decorative aggregate-containing

1 cementitious slurry must be effective for allowing operations
2 through the final troweling, step 77 of FIG. 4.

3 The cementitious base and decorative aggregate-containing
4 cementitious slurries of this invention produce monolithic
5 structures having a design strength of 3000 psi or higher at 28
6 days.

7 The No. 4 aggregate adds strength to the cementitious base.
8 No. 4 aggregate is much less costly than most all of the decorative
9 aggregates of interests. No. 4 aggregate, or any other
10 conventional aggregate used in conventional cement mixes merely for
11 strength, does not produce the attractive or architectural surfaces
12 of this invention, and therefore is not meant to be included in the
13 term "decorative aggregate" as used and claimed herein.

14 Example 2

15 Non-limiting examples of decorative cementitious matrix blends
16 of this invention are shown in TABLE 2. Decorative cementitious
17 matrix blends A, B, D and E are darker than lighter blends G, H, J
18 and K that are formulated to produce a whitish to light beige
19 appearance. The fly ash in blends A and B retards the curing rate
20 and allows more time to work with forming the decorative aggregate-
21 containing surface. Silica fume is used to improve the decorative-
22 aggregate binding strength of the decorative aggregate-containing
23 surface. Other decorative cementitious matrix blends can, of
24 course, be used in the process of this invention.

1 By the transitional term "consisting essentially of" is meant
2 to exclude:

- 3 1. non-cementitious chemical compositions, other than those
4 compositions and materials stated, which materially affect the
5 ultimate binding characteristics of the decorative aggregate-
6 containing surface to the exposed decorative aggregate, or
- 7 2. additives, other than those compositions and materials stated,
8 which materially affect the ultimate binding characteristics
9 of decorative aggregate-containing slurry made from the dry
10 blended cementitious matrix composition to a freshly poured
11 cementitious base, or
- 12 3. raw materials, other than those compositions and materials
13 stated, used to produced manufactured portland cement, whether
14 used as a cementitious material or as a filler.

15 Examples of 1 and 2. are epoxy compositions, reactive resins
16 and hardeners therefor.

17 Examples of 3. are limestone, gypsum, cement clinkers,
18 fillers, alkali waste, calcite, CKD, cement rock, chalk, clay,
19 fuller's earth, limestone, marl, shale, slag, blast furnace flue
20 dust, iron ore, mill scale, ore washings, pyrite cinders, calcium
21 silicate, loess, siliceous ash from crop residue, RHA, aluminum-ore
22 refuse, bauxite, calcium sulfate, gypsum.

23 By the term "elevated temperature" is meant heating to above
24 ambient or outside temperature to effect curing of the decorative
25 aggregate-containing cementitious slurry.

1 While the preferred embodiments of the present invention have
2 been described, various changes, adaptations and modifications may
3 be made thereto without departing from the spirit of the invention
4 and the scope of the appended claims. The present disclosure and
5 embodiments of this invention described herein are for purposes of
6 illustration and example and modifications and improvements may be
7 made thereto without departing from the spirit of the invention or
8 from the scope of the claims. The claims, therefore, are to be
9 accorded a range of equivalents commensurate in scope with the
10 advances made over the art.

TABLE 1

Type of Portland Cement	Chemical Composition (%)						Loss on Ignition (%)	Insoluble Residue (%)	Potential Compound Composition (%) ¹				Blaine Fineness (m ² /kg)
	SiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Fe ₂ O ₃	CaO	MgO	SO ₃			C ₃ S	C ₂ S	C ₃ A	C ₄ AF	
I	20.9	5.2	2.3	64.4	2.8	2.9	1.0	0.2	55	19	10	7	370
III	21.3	5.1	2.3	64.9	3.0	3.1	0.8	0.2	56	19	10	7	540
V	25.0	3.4	2.8	64.4	1.9	1.6	0.9	0.2	38	43	4	9	380
White	24.5	5.9	0.6	65.0	1.1	1.8	0.9	0.2	33	46	14	2	490

$C_3S = 3CaO \cdot SiO_2$ = Tricalcium silicate
 $C_2S = 2CaO \cdot SiO_2$ = Dicalcium silicate
 $C_3A = 3CaO \cdot Al_2O_3$ = Tricalcium aluminate
 $C_4AF = 4CaO \cdot Al_2O_3 \cdot Fe_2O_3$ = Tetracalcium aluminoferrite

¹Potential Compound Composition refers to the maximum compound allowable by ASTM C150 calculations using the chemical composition of the cement. The actual compound may be less due to incomplete or altered chemical reactions. Reference Steven H. Kosmatka and William C. Panarese, "Design and Control of Concrete Mixtures," 13th Edition, Portland Cement Association, 1994, 4th printing, page 21.

TABLE 1A

US SIEVE SIZE	PARTICLE SIZE OF QUARTZITIC SILICA SAND SIZE NO.			
	16	20	30	60
	% RETAINED ON SIEVE			
4	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0
16	27	1	0	0
30	63	58	27	<1
50	8	40	71	53
100	0	0	2	44
200	0	0	0	1
CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF QUARTZITIC SILICA				
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.47	0.31	0.29	0.38
Al ₂ O ₃	10.00	9.22	8.43	10.30
SiO ₂	81.1	82.9	84.4	81.1
K ₂ O	4.91	4.47	3.97	4.36
CaO	0.55	0.74	0.67	1.05
Na ₂ O	1.98	1.80	1.70	2.19
MgO	0.14	0.10	0.05	0.13
TiO ₂	0.14	0.06	0.06	0.06
MnO	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
BaO	0.21	0.19	0.17	0.18
P ₂ O ₅	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
S	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Cl	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02

TABLE 1B

US SIEVE SIZE	PARTICLE SIZE OF BLENDED QUARTZITIC SILICA		
	% RETAINED ON SIEVE	ACCUMULATIVE % LARGER	ACCUMULATIVE % SMALLER
4	0	0	100
8	0	0	100
16	7.12	7.12	93.88
30	44.09	51.21	48.79
50	41.44	92.65	7.35
100	6.35	99.00	1.00
200	0.13	99.13	0.87
CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF BLENDED QUARTZITIC SILICA			
Fe ₂ O ₃		0.34	
Al ₂ O ₃		9.36	
SiO ₂		82.59	
K ₂ O		4.44	
CaO		0.72	
Na ₂ O		1.87	
MgO		0.10	
TiO ₂		0.08	
MnO		<0.01	
BaO		0.19	
P ₂ O ₅		<0.05	
S		<0.05	
Cl		<0.02	

TABLE 2

	Component in Parts by Weight									
	A	B	D	E	G	H	J	K		
Decorative Cementitious Matrix Blend										
Blended Quartzitic Silica ¹	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40		
Portland Cement Type V	15	16	18	18	0	0	0	0		
White Portland Cement	0	0	0	0	19	19	18	18		
Silica Fume	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2		
Fly Ash C	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Decorative Aggregate ²										
Size Range Minimum - Inches	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40		
Size Range Maximum - Inches	3/8	1/4	1/32	1/8	3/8	1/4	1/32	1/8		
Water ³	1/2	3/8	1/8	3/8	1/2	3/8	1/8	3/8		
<p>¹The blended quartzitic silica is beige in A, B, D and E and white in G, H, J and K with a Standard Sieve Size gradation of 25% No. 16, 37% No. 20, 25% No. 30 and 13% No. 60.</p> <p>²In A, B and D the decorative aggregates are nonwhite; in Blend E the decorative aggregates are nonwhite small sea shells and/or other sea crustations; in Blends G, H and J the decorative aggregates are white quartz marble or other white decorative aggregates; and in Blend K the decorative aggregates are white small sea shells and/or other sea crustations.</p> <p>³An amount of water with or without superplasticizer or water reducer, which when added to the combined Decorative Cementitious Blend and Decorative Aggregate, produces slurries with sufficient fluidity through final troweling.</p>										